

Re: Applicant : John J. Stanko  
Application No. 10/634,620  
Pocket Protector  
Examiner: Gary L. Welch  
Art Unit: 3765  
Our File No. 03-0011

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 12, 2004

**Amendment of Specifications**

The applicant , by his attorney, request the examiner to amend this specification. On page 3, the first full sentence should read as follows: The reinforcing material can be affixed to either side of the inner pocket fabric and either side of the outer pocket fabric, and can be woven, sewn, or otherwise incorporated into the pocket itself; **the improvement comprises a reinforcing material that is affixed to and runs down the outer fabric of the pocket and is affixed to and runs up the inner fabric of the pocket.**

The amendment does not add new matter. The added words are found in claim 1.

**Response to office action**

(Section 102 Rejection)

The Examiner has issued an office action dated, July 12, 2004, that rejects claims 1 through 6. Under 35 U.S.C (102(b) as being anticipated by Gasser (U.S.4,972,524). The Examiner states that:

“Gasser discloses a pocket protector consisting of an outer fabric 4 and an inner pocket fabric, 1 secured along their edges 5, 6 to form a pocket. A reinforcing material 7 is affixed to and runs down the outer fabric of the pocket as affixed to and runs up the inner fabric of the pocket. The reinforcing material 7 is sandwiched between fabric layers (1 and 4) and therefore contacts both layers as to prevent the loss of the wallet through the actions of a pickpocket who tries to cut the pocket with a knife.”